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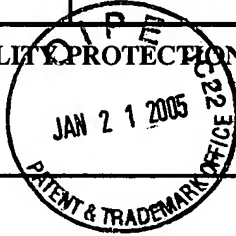
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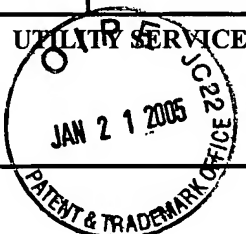


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**APPLICATION OF** : Taber et al.  
: UTILITY PROTECTION SERVICE STRIP  
**SERIAL NUMBER** : 10/674,716  
**FILED** : September 30, 2003  
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**AMENDMENT**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
P.O.Box 1450  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action  
(Confirmation No. 4532) dated October 18, 2004, on which a  
three-month shortened statutory period for response is set  
to expire January 18, 2005.

**Amendments to the Specification** extend from page  
2 to page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the  
listing of claims which extends from page 4 to page 11 of  
this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawing** begin on page 12 of  
this paper, and include an appendix with replacement sheets  
of formal drawings.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 13 of this paper.